A NEW BROMELIAD (*NAVIA*) FROM COLOMBIA

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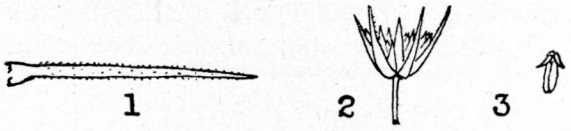
Navia Schultesiana L. B. Smith, spec. nov.

Dense pulviniformis; caule multiramosa, lignosa, ultra 30 cm. longa, 8-10 mm. diametro, deorsum frustulis crescentibus foliorum annorum praeteritorum tecta, ad apices versus foliis viridibus densissime vestita; foliis rigidis, vaginis parvis, laminis lineari-triangularibus, pungentibus, 3 cm. longis, 2 mm. latis, dissite adpresseque pallido-lepidotis, spinis curvatis ad 0.3 mm. longis subdense armatis; inflorescentia terminali, in foliorum centrum nidulante, dense capituliformi, 1 cm. diametro; bracteis lanceolatis, acuminatis, pungentibus, bracteis primariis serrulatis, flores superantibus, dissite lepidotis, bracteis florigeris sepala subaequantibus; sepalis lanceolatis, acuminatis, 5 mm. longis, glabris; petalis 8 mm. longis, acutis, albis.

COLOMBIA: Vaupés: Upper Apaporis Basin, río Apaporis, Cerro del Castillo, alt. ca. 1000 feet (or 300 m.), July 27, 1943, *R. E. Schultes 5655* (Gray Herb. TYPE; Dupl. Type in Herb. Nac. Colomb.).



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1. Leaf; -2. Inflorescence; -3 Flower. (All nat. size).

This new *Navia* appears most nearly related to *N. acaulis* but is easily distinguishable by its more numerous and much narrower leaves and smaller flowers.